

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 2014  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

**Sunshine Law:** This public meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of the change in location of this meeting of the Governing Body were sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and was filed with the Borough of Dumont.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present

Councilman Hayes-absent

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Gregg Paster, Esq. administered the oath of office to Carl Manna, Councilman filling an unexpired term.

Presentation given by Albert Ferrara-Coordinator of Bergen-Hudson Chronic Disease Coalition Tobacco-Free Initiative. Mr. Ferrara explained the benefits of 100% smoke-free parks and recreational areas. If the Borough adopts an ordinance to that effect, they will provide metal signs stating "smoke-free area". The Borough can also earn points toward their Sustainable Jersey certificate.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A few years ago the Borough was involved in a State Clean Energy program in which all the light bulbs were changed, furnaces at a couple of firehouses were changed, some air handlers changed at no cost to the Borough. Work was done at Borough Hall, the DPW, the Senior Center, Library and the Firehouses. The program is being offered again this year. The library has been having issues with air conditioning and furnace. Clean Energy has accepted them. There will be approximately \$55,000 worth of work done for free.

Mr. Perkins spoke to Mr. Song from FEMA's Region II today. A meeting will be scheduled to explain the flood maps. He also spoke to the Borough engineer for him to check the elevation numbers would change the flood insurance premiums for residents.

The appointment of a new Recreation Director was discussed.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilman Brophy

There were no Ethics Board meetings in 2014.

- Councilwoman Correa

No report

- Councilman Manna

The Councilman spoke of the seminars he attended at the League of Municipalities Conference: Budget & Audit, Cyber & Digital Risks, Well-prepared Specs and Sexual Harrassment.

- Councilman Riquelme

No report

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Winter Festival is scheduled for Friday night, 7:00PM

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor congratulated Justin Rivera for attaining the level of Eagle Scout. His project was to refurbish the grills at Memorial Park, as well as creating new benches and tables.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#209** Rescission of Resolution #209-Salary Specified in Resolution #199 in effect \*

**#223** Request Approval of Authorization of an Emergency Appropriation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:4-46 –Temporary Relocation of Administrative Offices \*

**#224** Capital Budget Amendment-Locust & Dumont Avenues, Borough Hall and Capital Bond \*

**#225** Endorsement of Vantage Health System Community Development Block Grant Application \*

**#226** Bills List \*

**#227** Authorization of Execution of Agreement with eRevival LLC \*

**#228** Approval of Selzer School PTO Bingo Application to be held January 17, 2015; BL#418, ID#109-5-37089 \*

**#229** Emergency Appropriation-Police Salary and Wages \*

**#230** Emergency Appropriation-Legal Services, Borough Attorney \*

**#231** Emergency Appropriation-Legal Services, Special Counsel \*

**#232** Emergency Appropriation-Electricity/Natural Gas \*

**#233** Appointment of an Acting Certified Municipal Finance Officer \*

Gary Vinci, Borough Auditor, explained that Resolutions #229 through #232 were added to the agenda. It is his recommendation that the Governing Body approve emergency resolutions to add additional funding to the 2014 budget. There have been some unique circumstances this year, which were not known at the time of the budget development.

The CFO is out ill and it is recommended that someone be appointed on a temporary basis. There is statutory documentation that needs to be signed in her absence. Mr. Vinci has communicated with the DCA.

Mr. Perkins explained that he and Mr. Vinci are taking steps to have part-time people with the proper certifications come in until the CFO's return.

In response to Councilwoman Correa's concerns, Mr. Vinci suggested a monthly summary report be provided by the Finance office to the members of the Governing Body.

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Correa

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

### **ORDINANCES**

#### *Second Reading*

**#1478** Bond ordinance providing for road improvements, appropriating \$170,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$170,000 of bonds or notes of the Borough for financing the costs for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

#### *First Reading*

**#1479** Bond ordinance providing for road resurfacing, appropriating \$165,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$156,750 of bonds or notes of the Borough for financing the costs for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Councilman Brophy stated that this money will be reimbursed by a grant.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

**#1480** Bond ordinance providing for various improvements, appropriating \$400,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$380,000 of bonds or notes of the Borough for financing the costs for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.

Councilman Brophy read the items to be purchased: portable radios, 911 system upgrades, electronic ticketing systems, mobile radios, bobcat with stump grinder, chipper, and 80 personal bailout systems for Fire Department.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes  
**#1481** Bond ordinance providing for temporary relocation of municipal offices, appropriating \$200,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$180,000 of bonds or notes of the Borough for financing the costs for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.

Councilman Brophy asked how long a lease this bond provides for. Mr. Perkins stated it is for one full year with associated costs.

Councilwoman Zamechansky asked whose responsibility it would be if something goes wrong with the building.

Mr. Paster explained that the Borough has the right of first refusal if the owner decides to sell the property.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy  
Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes  
**#1482** Ordinance authorizing the entry into and execution of lease of office space on real property known as portions of lot 16 in block 825 on the tax map of the Borough of Dumont also known as 80 West Madison Avenue, within the Borough to allow for temporary relocation of municipal offices, excluding the police department and municipal court sessions

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Brophy  
All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Brophy

Mr. Paster said that he had made comments in his lease review. He will speak to the owner to clarify some questions prior to the second reading of this ordinance.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes  
Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Riquelme  
All in favor.

1. Julia Farrell, 122 Niagara Avenue, was the Social Services director at one time. People don't realize there is a Social Services in town. She asked why there is no Local Assistance Board and no report given to the Mayor and Council. The Senior Center is too public a place for people to come to ask for help.

2. Judy Hart, 92 Randolph, lives on a brook. She was told that it is her brook and that it is not her brook. Her property was not part of the Flood project. She spent \$35,000 to repair a fence that caved in. She is paying \$3,500 annually for flood insurance. She spoke to David Watkins, an attorney. There would be a possibility she would win in court.

3. Rich Little, 100 Randolph, had a report from FEMA which outlined the premium revenue and claims experience. He asked how many claims are paid annually. The report is hard to understand. He asked if the assessed values of homes in the flood zone are taken into consideration. He asked what the source of the potential flooding is in the Borough of Dumont. The answer was the Hirshfield Brook.

4. Gabrielle Sudano, 66 Cresskill Avenue, asked why it is taking so long to put together a group rate, etc. She asked if the Borough engineer uses an RTK device, which FEMA feels is accurate. Communication is needed.

5. Rich Russo, Depew Street, pays \$3,000 for flood insurance now. He had appealed to FEMA, which informed him he was 6" short in elevation for a reduction.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:

Threatened, pending litigation-Recreation coaching ability and Personnel-Police

Motion to adopt: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Following closed session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilwoman Correa asked if there is anyone taking the place of the tree person, who is out sick. Mr. Perkins said there is a crew that is trimming trees, but not above the lines. She asked the status of the former Recreation Director investigation. Mr. Perkins has a meeting with the commissioner this Thursday.

Councilman Riquelme inquired about police body cameras.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk